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Hurricane Response:

1 — Fire breaks out at Valero facility, Port Arthur News, 9/19/17

<http://www.panews.com/2017/09/19/fire-breaks-out-at-valero-facility/>

A Tuesday fire at the Valero oil refinery in Port Arthur tossed a huge plume of black smoke into the sky that slowly drifted over the city.

2 — Officials report potential spills at Texas Superfund site after Harvey: report, The Hill, 9/19/17

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/351231-officials-report-potential-spills-at-texas-superfund-site-after>

Local pollution control officials reported a spill at a Houston-area Superfund site following Hurricane Harvey, the Associated Press reported Monday.

3 — Harvey caused sewage spills, Houston Chronicle, 9/19/17

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Harvey-caused-sewage-spills-12213534.php>

Nearly 31.6 million gallons of raw sewage spilled across southeast Texas in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, pouring into neighboring communities and waterways as dozens of wastewater treatment plants were hit by high winds and flooding, according to state records.

4 — Recent Hurricanes Strain U.S. Towns' Aging Sewer Systems, Wall Street Journal, 9/19/17

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/recent-hurricanes-strain-u-s-towns-aging-sewer-systems-1505899803>

In the days after Hurricane Irma slammed Brunswick, Ga, most businesses and restaurants were shut down. The problem wasn't just flooding or hurricane damage, it was also untreated sewage mixing with floodwater, seeping out of manholes and overwhelming an aging system of pipes and pumps.

5 — After hurricanes, climate change resurfaces in Washington, Houston Chronicle, 9/19/17

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/article/After-hurricanes-climate-change-resurfaces-in-12207513.php>

The one-two punch of recent storms, which cost more than 100 lives and well over \$100 billion in estimated damage, are at least prompting rethinking of the issue and what Washington can or should do to address climate change, political observers said.

Around the Region:

6 — New Orleans issues boil water advisory for east bank, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/19/17

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/09/new_orleans_issues_boil_water.html#incart_breaking

The Sewerage & Water Board has reversed course from earlier Wednesday morning (Sept. 20) and issued a precautionary boil water advisory for the east bank of New Orleans.

7 — These 3 parishes face billions of dollars in damage without coastal plan, state warns, New Orleans

Times-Picayune, 9/19/17

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/orleans_jefferson_st_tammany_f.html#incart_river_index

Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany parishes will lose hundreds of square miles of land and face billions of dollars in flood damage if the Louisiana does not implement its \$50 billion, 50-year plan for coastal restoration and hurricane protection.

8 — Deadline nears for report on how groundwater commission is addressing threat to Baton Rouge's aquifer, Baton Rouge Advocate, 9/19/17

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/environment/article_27d43478-9cbd-11e7-b640-df2c310443ef.html

In six weeks, the group in charge of the aquifer that serves as Baton Rouge's water supply is due to present a report to the state; what they'll turn over remains to be seen.

9 — Non-profit taking issue with lead levels in Austin ISD facilities, KVUE, 9/19/17

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/lead-water-aisd/476951707>

Austin's school district has tested the water at all 130 of its campuses to check for its safety. And while the district said it's safe, not everyone agrees.

10 — Organizers to host 19th annual Tar Creek conference, Pawhuska (OK) Journal-Capital, 9/19/17

<http://www.pawhuskajournalcapital.com/news/20170919/organizers-to-host-19th-annual-tar-creek-conference>

The theme, "Climate of Denial" will be featured when officials with the L.E.A.D. (Local Environmental Action Demanded) Agency host the 19th annual National Environmental Conference at Tar Creek next week in Miami.

11 — Native American tribes fight for clean water and more money, Navajo-Hopi Observer, 9/19/17

<https://www.nhonews.com/news/2017/sep/19/part-1-2-native-american-tribes-fight-clean-water/>

A variety of forces work against tribes and their quest to provide clean, safe water to their members. Tribal members must cope with the health repercussions of extensive mining and farming activities on or near their land, whether approved by the tribe or not.

12 — Appeals court reverses judge's decision allowing wind developers to dig on Osage land, Tulsa World, 9/19/17

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/courts/appeals-court-reverses-judge-s-decision-allowing-wind-developers-to/article_2a6eab9f-0a8c-5c72-aa02-caee53f8e14a.html

A U.S. appellate court sided with the Osage Nation in a years-long dispute regarding whether the development of a wind farm on tribal land violated federal mineral regulations.

13 — San Antonio River wins prestigious international award, San Antonio Express-News , 9/19/17

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/San-Antonio-River-wins-prestigious-international-12213133.php>

The San Antonio River is getting some international attention, and not just for its downtown River Walk